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THE LINE OF
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SUPER-STARS

WILL OMAC MEET
HIS FATE IN
"The PLACE OF FEAR"?

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ONE MAN ARMY CORPS

TAKE A
GOOD LOOK,
OMAC...IN A FEW
MINUTES YOU'RE
GOING TO BE ONE
OF THEM!



**A YOUNG MAN CRIES FOR
HELP!**

HE HAS AWAKENED AND FOUND HIMSELF IN A NIGHTMARE SITUATION --- HIS PLEA IS PICKED UP BY A GREAT ORBITING SATELLITE HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH --- IT IS THE MOST ADVANCED MACHINE EVER BUILT BY MAN --- IT KNOWS HIS PROBLEM AND CAN HELP --- THIS AND MORE CAN HAPPEN

IN...
THE WORLD THAT'S COMING---

THE WORLD OF

OMAC

ONE-MAN ARMY CORPS.

I-I'M
BUDDY
BLANK!!
--- WON'T
SOMEONE
HELP
ME!?

HANG
ON... I'VE
GOT YOU
IN FOCUS..

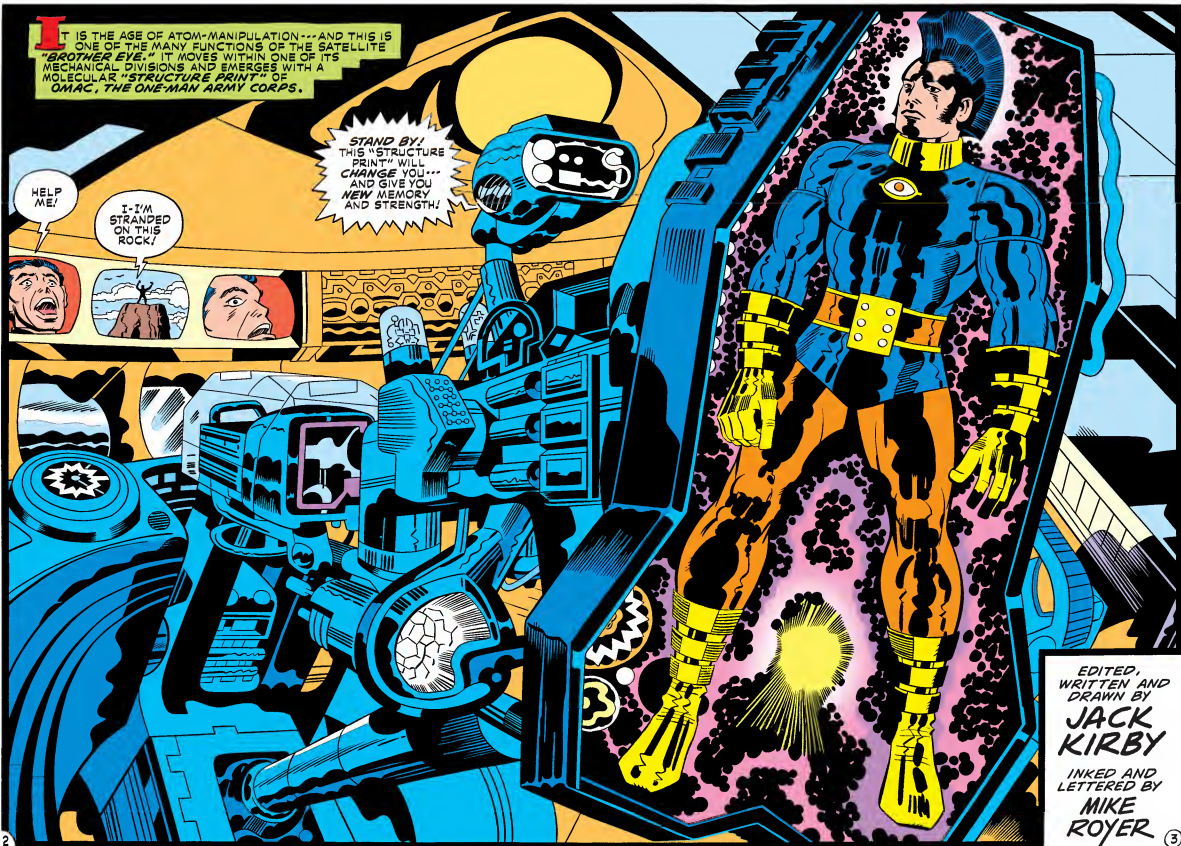


IT IS THE AGE OF ATOM-MANIPULATION---AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY FUNCTIONS OF THE SATELLITE "BROTHER EYE." IT MOVES WITHIN ONE OF ITS MECHANICAL DIVISIONS AND EMERGES WITH A MOLECULAR "STRUCTURE PRINT" OF OMAC, THE ONE-MAN ARMY CORPS.

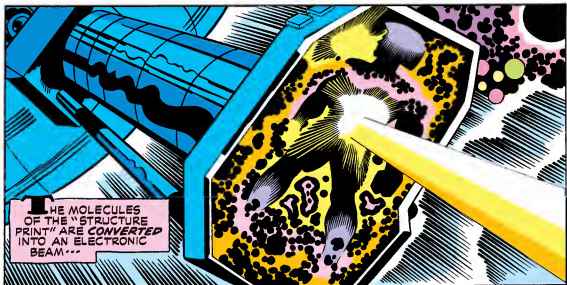
HELP ME!

I-I'M STRANDED ON THIS ROCK.

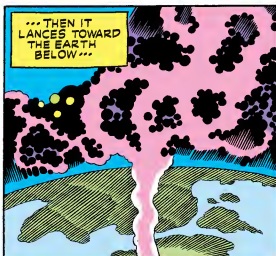
STAND BY! THIS "STRUCTURE PRINT" WILL CHARGE YOU... AND GIVE YOU NEW MEMORY AND STRENGTH!



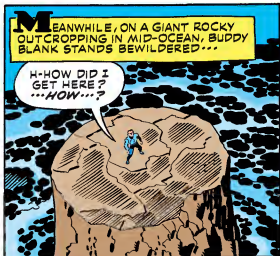
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THE MOLECULES OF THE "STRUCTURE PRINT" ARE CONVERTED INTO AN ELECTRONIC BEAM...



... THEN IT LANCES TOWARD THE EARTH BELOW ...



MEANWHILE, ON A GIANT ROCKY OUTCROPPING IN MID-OCEAN, BUDDY BLANK STANDS BEWILDERED...

H-HOW DID I GET HERE?
...HOW...?

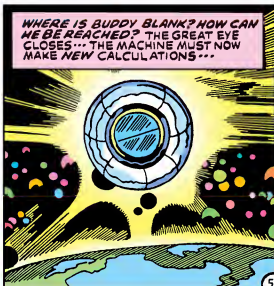
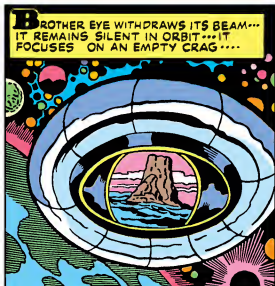
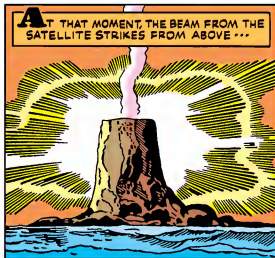


BUDDY IS UNAWARE THAT HE CAME HERE AS OMAC ... BUT HAD BEEN REVERTED TO HIS ORIGINAL STAGE BY AN UNKNOWN FORCE ...

TH-THIS IS JUST A BARREN ROCK! THERE'S NOBODY HERE!



THE ROCK AT BUDDY'S FEET BEGINS TO GLOW! THAT MYSTERIOUS FORCE IS ONCE MORE AT WORK ...



MOMENTARILY DEFEATED, BROTHER EYE IS WELL AWARE OF THE *EVIL FORCE* RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE STRANGE HAPPENINGS, THE ENEMY IS *DOCTOR SKUBA* ... A BRILLIANT *OUTLAW* MIND! *THUS, THE BATTLE LINES ARE DRAWN* ...

HUMAN GENIUS

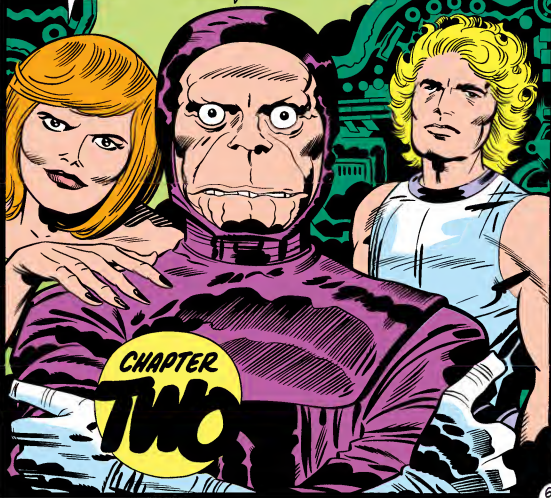
VS.

THINKING MACHINE

I CAN SEE HIM, POPPA!
HE'S COMING THROUGH!

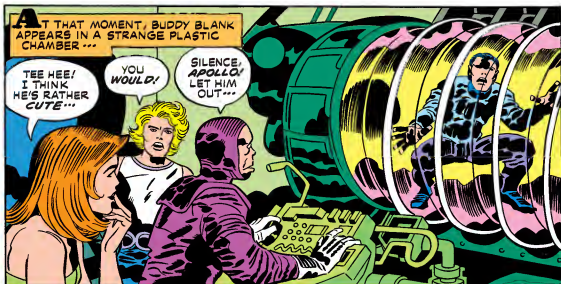
YES, SEAWEED. THIS BUDDY BLANK SHALL SOON BE OUR... GUEST...

HE'S ALMOST SOLID NOW...



CHAPTER

TWO



AT THAT MOMENT, BUDDY BLANK APPEARS IN A STRANGE PLASTIC CHAMBER...

TEE HEE! I THINK HE'S RATHER CUTE...

YOU WOULD!

SILENCE, APOLLO! LET HIM OUT...



STEP THIS WAY...AND NO TRICKS!

WH-WHAT IS THIS PLACE? H-HOW DID I GET HERE?



I HAVE A RIGHT TO AN EXPLANATION! I DEMAND--!

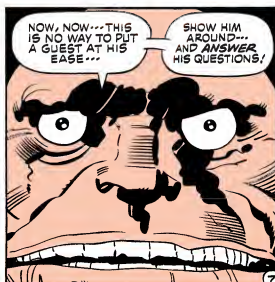
YOUR DEMANDS DON'T COUNT HERE, MISTER...



YOU MUSTN'T BE TOO HARSH WITH OUR GUEST, APOLLO!

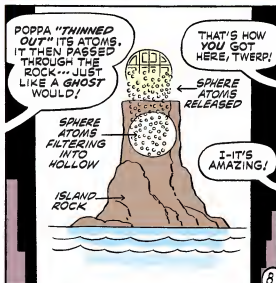
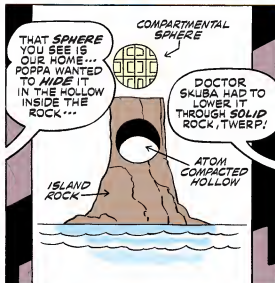
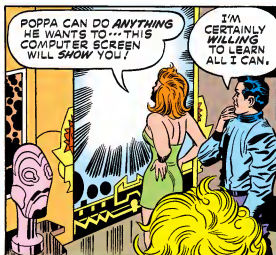
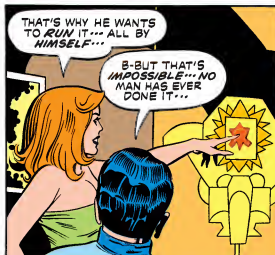
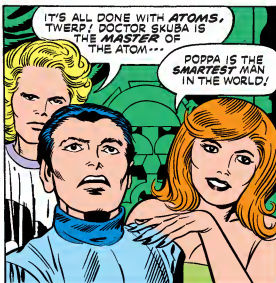
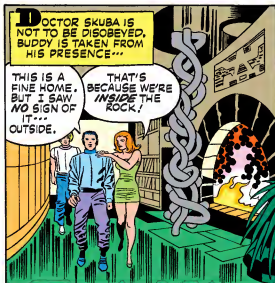
HE'S BULLYING YOU BECAUSE HE'S JEALOUS!

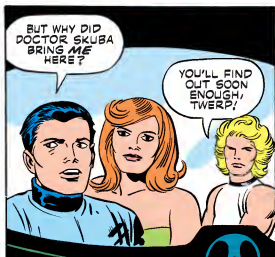
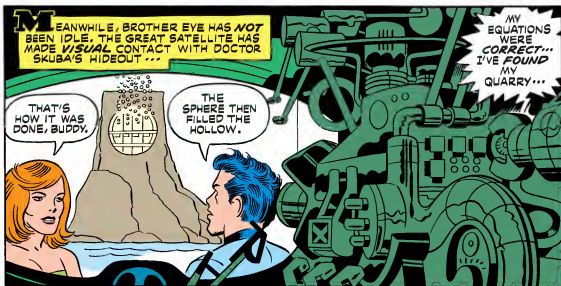
...JEALOUS OF THAT LITTLE TWERP?--
--HAH!

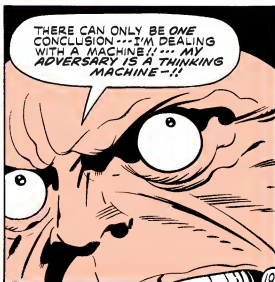


NOW, NOW...THIS IS NO WAY TO PUT A GUEST AT HIS EASE...

SHOW HIM AROUND... AND ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS!







CHAPTER
THREE

AS TWO GIANT INTELLECTS PREPARE TO CLASH, BUDDY BLANK, INNOCENT AND WIDE-EYED, IS LED FROM ONE MIRACULOUS CHAMBER TO ANOTHER --- **MIRACLES** WROUGHT FROM THE ATOM!! --- YET MIRACLES OF A CRUEL AND **HIDEOUS** DESIGN --- **DOCTOR SKUBA'S HOME IS A ---**

PLACE OF FEAR



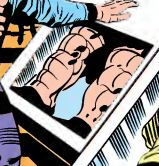
WELCOME TO POPPA'S
"CHAMBER
OF
MONSTERS!"
BUDDY--

TH- THEY'RE
HORRIBLE!



IMMOBILIZED
SHOCK INDUCTION

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YES, THEY'RE HORRIBLE ... BUT ONCE THEY LOOKED AS HUMAN AS YOU OR I ...

YOU MEAN DOCTOR SKUBA CHANGED THEM INTO THESE... MONSTROSITIES--?

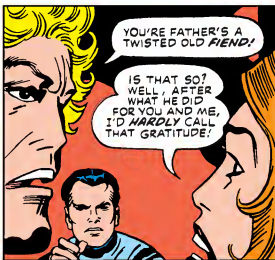
POPPA CALLS IT "ATOMIC MANIPULATION"! BUT IT *NEEDN'T* WORK THIS WAY ...

THE THREE OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED IT ... AND LOOK AT US!



BE STILL, YOU LITTLE FOOL! YOU TALK TOO MUCH!

STOP IT, APOLLO! YOU'RE HURTING ME! POPPA WON'T LIKE THAT!



YOU'RE FATHER'S A TWISTED OLD FIEND!

IS THAT SO? WELL, AFTER WHAT HE DID FOR YOU AND ME, I'D *HARDLY* CALL THAT GRATITUDE!



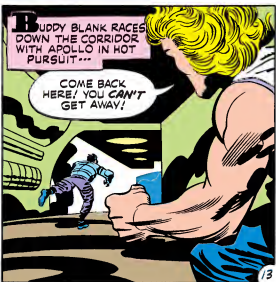
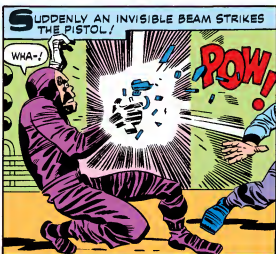
IT'S A HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR MARRYING A "FEATHER-BRAIN" LIKE YOU ... AT LEAST THESE MEN HAD THE COURAGE TO TURN YOU DOWN --

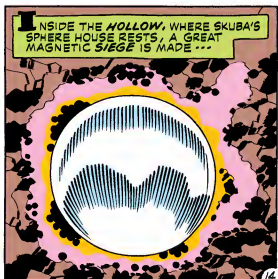
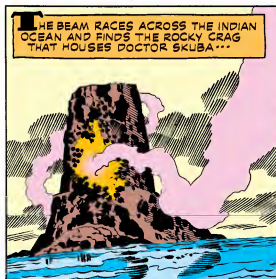
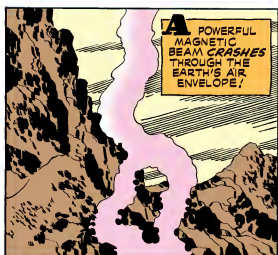
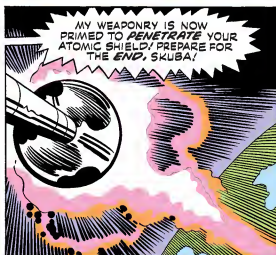
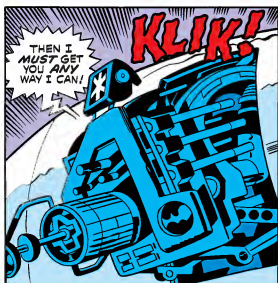
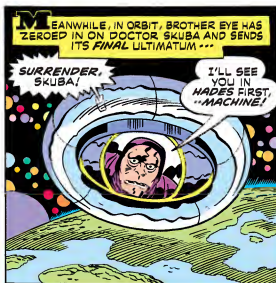


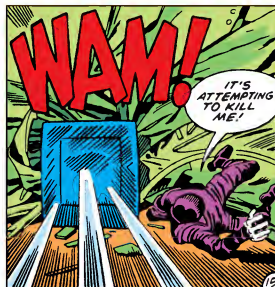
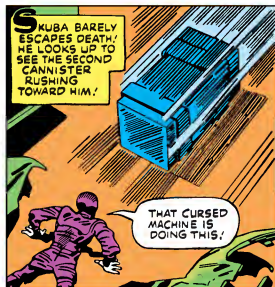
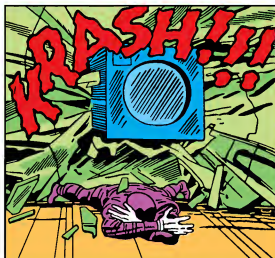
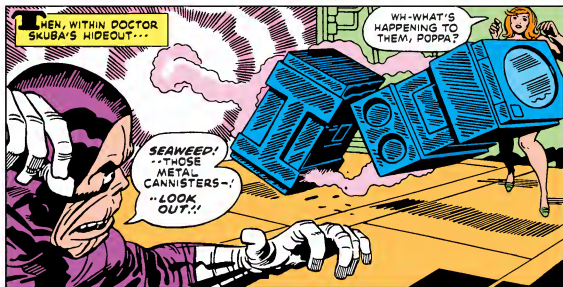
--AND THEY PAID FOR THAT!

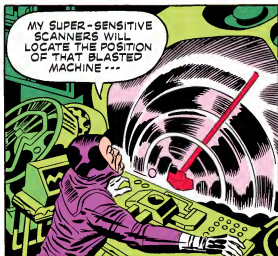
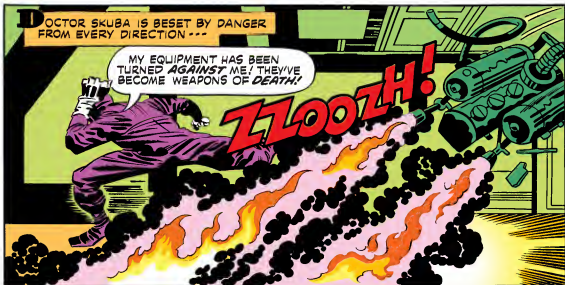
STAND ASIDE! THIS IS FOR OUR GUEST!

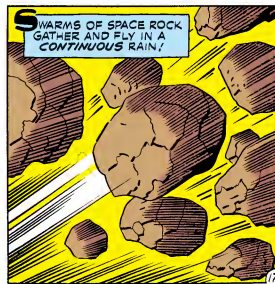
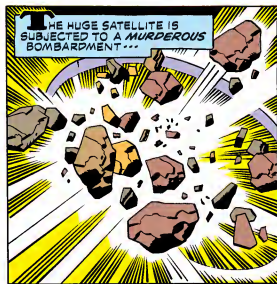
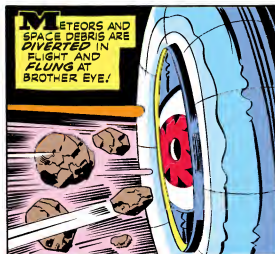
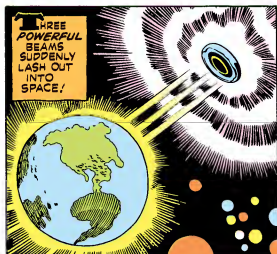
DOCTOR SKUBA--! THAT PISTOL--! W-WHAT DOES IT MEAN--?

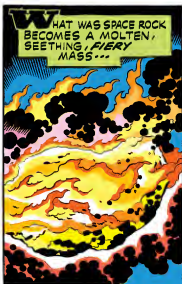
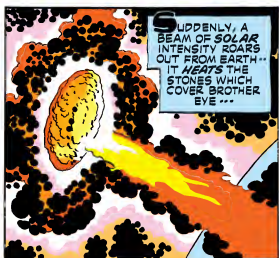
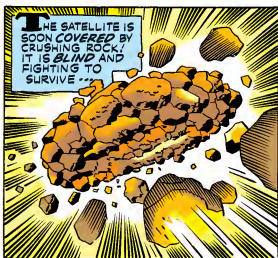
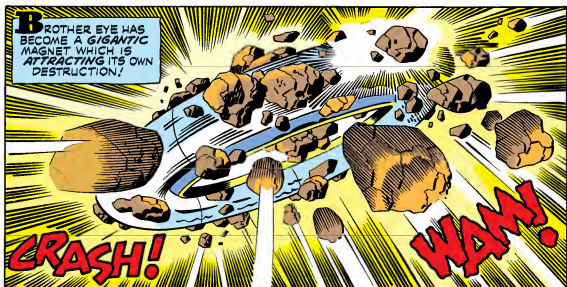














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